The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte GARY A. SHANGOLD, ARKADY RUBIN, and DAVID UPMALIS

> Appeal No. 2005-2366 Application 09/782,420

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

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On January 23, 2004, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On September 23, 2004, appellants filed a communication stating "a continuation application has been filed claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120" and requesting withdrawal of the appeal.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed January 23, 2004, is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Gary V. Harkcom, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Administrative Patent Judge

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